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NEWS from Congressman CHARLES W. WHALEN, Jr.

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Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr. today said the Republican State of the Union message delivered by Senator Everett M. Dirksen and Rep. Gerald R. Ford "(makes) it clear that the will of the people as expressed in the November elections will be reflected in the 90th Congress."

The former University of Dayton economics professor said reasonable alternatives now will be considered and "will be based on economic realism that has been absent until now."

Whalen said the Republican leadership made several proposals "that offer a realistic, efficient approach to the nation's problems."

Whalen said an accurate portrayal of projected defense spending "which was not provided a year ago--is essential if we are to avoid the prospect of a huge, last-minute deficit and the wasteful back-tracking on non-defense programs that such a development invariably causes."

Whalen singled out several of the proposals outlined by the Republican leadership "which I particularly endorse and upon which I took specific positions during the campaign."

Included were the tax-sharing plan, the increase in social security benefits, improvement of the Selective Service system, the meshing of the federal government with private enterprise in the poverty war.

STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLES W. WHALEN, JR.
ON THE REPUBLICAN STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE

January 19, 1967

This evening's remarks make it clear that the will of the people as expressed in the November elections will be reflected in the 90th Congress.

Reasonable alternatives now will be considered where they were not during the 89th Congress and they will be based on economic realism that has been absent until now.

The leadership's demand for "an honest federal budget" reflects this commitment.

An accurate portrayal of our anticipated defense expenditures--which was not provided a year ago--is essential if we are to avoid the prospect of a huge, last-minute deficit and the wasteful back-tracking on non-defense programs that such a development invariably causes. Of potentially major significance in regard to the budget is the proposal for a Rescission bill that would allow Congress to withdraw the President's authority to spend funds approved in the past but not yet used.

The leadership made several proposals that offer a realistic, efficient approach to the nation's problems.

The tax-sharing plan, the increase in social security benefits, improvement of the Selective Service system, the meshing of the federal government with private enterprise in the poverty war are proposals which I particularly endorse and upon which I took specific positions during the campaign.

I feel that Congress stands on the brink of resuming its rightful role in government and that the public will be the better for it.